

19 November 1963

FOR THE RECORD

The following notes were taken during General Carter's discussion with Mr. Knoche on 18 November regarding actions to be taken during General Carter's absence.

1. I have given Kirk the organizational paper and I will take it up with the staff on Monday morning (25 November).
2. I have done nothing about arranging for CIA briefings at Fort Leavenworth for the Command and General Staff School of the Army. I am afraid we might get into a crunch on it and I think if we hit the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, the top Service Schools -- the Air War College, the Army War College, the Naval War College, the National War College, and Industrial College, and the Foreign Service Institute, we have just about done the work where we should be doing the work. However, I am open to arguments on this.

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4. The Director indicated that he would discuss with the President's Board some of those items that Kirk listed, plus the items Kirk obtained from Coyne. One of these was the [ ] incident. I told the Director I had a big report on this incident. It is possible that if there is a summary -- or if we could make a summary -- it could be given to the Director as a talking paper.

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5. Re <sup>(M)</sup> NKULTRA, I am scared to death of this. I do not know what the status is. I want this wrapped up by the middle of next week. Dick Helms says we should continue it. I gave it back to Kirk, saying I am scared to death of this one, get together with me and we will go see the DCI. I am prepared to make a decision myself but I want Dick Helms, Kirk, Jack Earman, and some of the hired help from TSD if they want, in on it. I am not about to lie with it the way it is now.

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7. They continually jump on me for not being security conscious as to the size of our budget, the fact that [redacted]

[redacted] and as to the number of people in the Agency. I would like a lucid explanation in writing as to what is so sensitive about those things, not for public consumption but in a Secret briefing to people who know it is a Secret briefing.

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8. Kirk should keep the pressure on, since the DCI is away, getting a letter out of Cannon -- and a favorable letter. That came up at this morning's meeting.

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10. I also want Kirk to follow up with Red White for arrangements for [redacted] retirement and presentation of an award. He should follow up with [redacted] directly.

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13. I want Larry Houston to continue to pressure to get the retirement act out of the Russell Committee and into the Senate -- not just wait for Russell, but to keep prodding. We will find the calendar so jammed up they will say they cannot handle it this year and we will have to start all over again.

14. Houston should sound out a luncheon for the New Mexico Senator who is a former Governor -- Mechem. Bring him out here.

15. Houston should continue to follow very closely on the Executive Pay Bill. I think they let that one flop by not digging hard enough. That is my feeling. The damage is done. They must now get back on it. We should pick out four or five of these at the morning meetings every day.

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16. Comptroller -- I have no problems.

17. IG -- I have no problems.

18. DD/I -- I have no problems.

19. I have not yet reviewed the [redacted] study. I will do it when  
I return.

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21. As to surfacing the OX, I am dead set against it under any circumstances, certainly at this stage of the game. I have given my views on the Fubini draft statement directly to Wheelon. He knows them. If there is a real crunch on this, Bud Wheelon and Kirk should go to the DCI because the DCI indicated he was going to get the Secretary of Defense and take him to the White House and give this paper to the President which was to go into the deep freeze. I think the DOD is trying to euchre us into a position where they surface it as a political thing.

22. The Commo study is still hanging fire.

23. If there is any backtalk from Gilpatric on the return of the U-2's or if we get it down through the working level that there is a flap going on, I want it brought to my attention right away. I also want to be kept thoroughly up to date on the progress of getting the U-2 [redacted]. I do not know whether it was taken up with the President and approved yet. The Special Group agreed to it.

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24. I presume the DCI will handle Special Group on Thursday if there is one. With Mac Bundy getting back from Hawaii Thursday morning, I think they could do away with Special Group, and I so recommend.

25. On the CORONA program and the McMillan proposal to take over all of it, I have given my views to Wheelon and [redacted] and they are preparing papers in accordance with my instructions. The main action outside of CIA is a simple letter to McMillan stating that this matter is so important to the intelligence community in the long-range satellite collection program, that the DCI does not feel he is knowledgeable enough yet to say yes or no. Accordingly he asked Bud Wheelon to go to the West Coast and read through the situation from top to bottom and asked Dr. McMillan to take necessary action to ensure the proper care and handling of Dr. Wheelon.

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26. As to the NASA/DOD agreement, I still have that here. I will write to Gene Fubini when I return. He already agreed that the addition of paragraph 7 to the Agreement was done without our knowledge but with no intent to confuse. He also agreed that any action taken by DD/R&E of DOD in accordance with paragraph 7 will have been previously cleared with the DCI or his appropriate designee. This has to do with open or closed contract procedures.

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25. As regards [redacted] or whatever it is now called, we got clear guidance from the Director this morning and Bud Wheelon knows where to go. He should clue Kirk in on it.

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28. [redacted] is being released by JCS and the DCI seemed to like the idea of getting him over here. I do not know where we would use him because people over here are not enchanted with him. But he is a real smart guy. I want to take a look to see if we have anything to offer him and where we might use him.

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29. At one time Bud Wheelon asked me to sound the DCI out on getting [redacted]. The DCI thinks it would be a hell of a good idea but would like a closer check as to just why he left [redacted] [redacted] after such a short time and what, if any, problems we would have with the administration, how he stands now.

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25X1                    30. The DCI said he would not take any action to prevent [redacted] from going to Moscow, but he wants a real wire brushing on the security aspects, [redacted]

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25X1                    31. The DCI asked for a report as to why the Secretary of State did not know about the existence of a [redacted] when they were shooting the flares up.

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25X1                    32. Thank Colonel [redacted] for the information about Colonel [redacted]. Check for me out there by phone. Send a message to Colonel [redacted] that I am out of town but hope to see him when I get back.

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35. How about the arms cache ?

*A.C.*

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Knoche

As I said, there are one or two parts where I got a bit lost -- paragraph 12 was a bit confusing to me when he was talking -- but I just typed up what I did get out of it, probably leaving out parts of what he said.

Barbara (19 Nov)

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1 AUG 54 WHICH MAY BE USED.

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